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Former Officer Receives 15-Year Sentence

MINOT - Acting United States Attorney Lynn Jordheim announced that on November 23, 2009, **Darren M. Henry**, 34, of Bottineau, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Judge Daniel L. Hovland on charges of sexual exploitation of minors and possession of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors. Henry was found guilty by a federal jury on July 22, 2009.

Judge Hovland sentenced Henry to serve 15 years in federal prison, a mandatory minimum sentence, to be followed by five years of supervised release. Henry was ordered to pay a \$200 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund and must register as a sex offender.

Between January 2008 through October 2008 in Bottineau, Henry, while employed as a Customs and Border Protection officer, engaged in a sexual relationship with a minor female. The child's mother reported the relationship to law enforcement officers, after she discovered cellular phone text messages and greeting cards from Henry to her daughter. A search warrant for Henry's computer uncovered numerous pictures of the minor female engaged in sexual activity.

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The case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Bottineau County Sheriff's Office and Bottineau County State's Attorney's Office.

Assistant United States Attorney Gary Delorme prosecuted the case.

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